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**NEWS RELEASE**

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan and Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham today announced the filing of a five-count indictment<sup>1</sup> charging, defendants ABU THOMAS, RICARDO WHITE, and BRANDON WOODSON with conspiracy, two counts of possession with intent to distribute “crack” cocaine, and two counts of possession with intent to distribute “crack” cocaine within 1000 feet of a school..

This indictment is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, an initiative by the United States Attorney’s Office, Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms, the Federal Bureau of Investigations, and the Philadelphia Police Department. If convicted, the defendants face a maximum sentence of 40 years imprisonment, at least 3 years of supervised release, a \$6,000,000 fine, and a \$500 special assessment. This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant United States Attorney William L. Inden.

**INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS**

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
Abu Thomas	Philadelphia, PA	21 years old
Ricardo White	Philadelphia, PA	21 years old
Brandon Woodson	Philadelphia, PA	57 years old

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<sup>1</sup> An indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.